

I GOT
YELLED
AT AGAIN
BECAUSE
OF YOU!

HEY,
ABAKU!

YOU
WINKA
FIGHT
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A DIM
MEMORY
OF A DAY
LONG
AGO...

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I'VE
TOLD
YOU
NOT
TO
BULLY
INUSAMI,
HWT

NOW,
KORWA.

FEEL
FREE!
WINKA
FIGHT
???

HEY
HEY...

IT
ALWAYS
GOES
HAWTY AT
THAT
POINT.

I GET
SO
CLOSE
TO
REMEM-
BERING...

BUT I
CAN'T

I

Yu Kame:
Prosecutor
144 Wins, 0 Losses

VS

Akaki Inugami:
Attorney

61 Wins, 24 Losses

I HEREBY
CALL THIS
CLASSROOM
SESSION TO
ORDER!!!

... THE
HECK
ARE
YOU?!

CHAPTER 20:
THE KEY



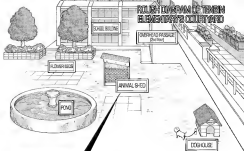
WHAT
WERE YOU
SAYING...
THAT
MOMENT?

AND
WHO...

ORDER!!

ORDER!

FILE: TOP VIEW OF TENCHI ELEMENTARY'S COURTYARD



WHICH, AT
THE TIME,
WITH ITS
DOOR BEING
LOCKED,
WAS IN A
SO-CALLED
LOCKED
ROOM
STATE.

SHE
WAS
FOUND
NEAR
THE
ANIMAL
SHED.

SHE WAS
STRUCK
IN THE BACK
OF THE HEAD
WITH A BLUNT
OBJECT AND
IS CURRENTLY
IN A COMA.

REMO
SATO

THE VICTIM
IS REMO
SATO, AGE 12.



AS THE LOCK
YIELDED NO
SUSPICIOUS
FINGERPRINTS
OR EVIDENCE
OF TAMPERING
...

...THIS
WAS THE
DECIDING
FACTOR IN
THE MURDER.

AND THE
PERSON
HOLDING ITS
ONE AND
ONLY KEY
WAS THE
ACCUSED,
TENTO
NANAKOSHU,
AGE 12.



PLUS, THAT MORNING, NO ONE WITNESSED THE PERP TAKE THE KEY OUT, SO HE MAY'VE BEEN PLANNING TO RETURN IT AMIDST THE CONFUSION TO FURTHER Muddle THE INVESTIGATION!

...BUT THE FACT THAT ONLY THE ACCUSED COULDP'VE DONE IT!

NO! WHAT'S IMPORTANT IS NOT THE REASON...

...WHY CREATE A LOCKED ROOM SCENARIO?

THAT WOULD JUST GIVE POSSIBLE SUSPECTS ONE MORE...

WELL, BUT IF THE ACCUSED IS THE PERP...



...THAT HE BE TRANSFERRED TO ONIGASHIMA ELEMENTARY!!!

THE PROSECUTION SEEKS THE SEVEREST PUNISHMENT...



TH- THAT'S OUR TEACHER WASN'T IN THE FACULTY ROOM!



DO NOT BE FOOLED!!

BY THE TIME THE CHERRY BLOSSOMS, TENDO NANA-HOHO'S...

...BRILLIANT TRUE CHARACTER SHALL LIKELY BE REVEALED!



...SO WE'VE ALREADY REACHED THAT POINT!

I'VE HEARD WHEN HER SARCASTIC NATURE CROSSED A CERTAIN POINT SHE STRIPS OFF HER ROBE TO REVEAL HER BONDAGE OUTFIT...

...A BORN BORN...







FIRST
OF ALL,
IS THAT
YOUR
BATT

... UNTIL
A BATTAL
BAT* WITH
YOUR
FINGER-
PRINTS ON IT WAS
FOUND
ON THE
ROOFTOP
OF THE
SCHOOL
BUILDING!

THAT IS
UDZUMI...



WOULD YOU
TELL US THE
DETAILS OF
THE BAT'S
DISCOVERY?

HISA-
SHIDE.



THEY LEFT
ME WITHOUT
VITAMINS

VERY
WELL.

I REFUSE
TO ANSWER
THAT.

I DON'T
WANT TO SAY
ANYTHING.



UDZUMI'S
FINGERPRINTS
WERE LIFTED
FROM THE
MIDDLE AREA
OF THE BAT.

DUE TO THE FABRIC
WRAPPED AROUND IT,
IT WASN'T POSSIBLE
TO RECOVER
VITAMIN PRINTS
FROM THE HANDLE.

THE BAT WAS
JUST LYING
ON ITS SIDE,
BARE, IN THE
SHADOW OF
THE ROOFTOP
WATER TOWER.

SURE...

Defense Witness (1/3)
Shuichi Higashida
Class President /
Children's Police
Undercover Officer



...IS THAT
SURE LOOKING
AWKWARD
SHERATOR
WITH THAT BAT
AND THEN HID
IT ON THE
ROOFTOP
AFTERWARDS?

IN
SHORT,
YOUR
ARGU-
MENT...



I
SEE.



WELL,
CONSIDERING HOW
LITTLE SHERATOR
WAS BLEEDING,
IT'S NOT TOTALLY
SURPRISING THAT
THERE WASN'T
ANY ON THE
WEAPON...



BY THE WAY,
THERE WAS
NO BLOOD
RESIDUE
ON IT.



SORRY
ABAKU.

HUNT



I'D
NEVER HURT
SHERA-
TORI...

THAT'S
RIGHT.

N-
NO!!



WHAT
?!



THAT BAT
ISN'T
LOZHI'S.

IT
BELONGS
TO TENTO
NANA-
HOSHI!



BUT SINCE
NANAHOSHI
JUST
HAPPENED
TO OWN
ONE...

A METAL
BAT ISN'T
SOMETHING
EVERYBODY
POSSESSES.

...THROUGH SOMEONE'S WINDOW A LITTLE WHILE AGO.

THOUGH THEY SUPPOSEDLY STOPPED DOING SO AFTER HITTING A BALL...

...IN THE PARK AND SUCH, USING NANAHOSE'S BAT.

...THE BOYS OF THIS CLASS OFTEN PLAYED BALL...



WHEN I ALLUDED TO THAT HOMEOWNER'S STATEMENT DURING MY QUESTIONING, THE ACCUSED EAGERLY CONFESSED TO IT.



Y-YOU'RE SAYING IT WAS THAT PRIMER- (MURDER?)

IN ORDER TO PLACE THE SUSPICION UPON HIS FRIEND!



BUT HE IS!!!

TENTO AINT LIKE THAT ...

Y-YOU GOTTA BE KID- PINS !!



ACTUALLY PERHAPS THAT'S WHY THE ACCUSED CHOSE IT AS HIS WEAPON, HAVING REMEMBERED THAT.

THAT'S WHY IT'S NOT SURPRISING FOR UOZUMI AND OTHER BOYS' PRINTS TO BE ON THAT BAT.



...HE IS
CRIMINALLY
GUILTY OF
COMMITTING
A FALSE
MURDER.

REGARD-
LESS OF
HAVING BEEN
THREATENED...

HAVE YOU ALL
FORGOTTEN
THE *BULLY*
MURDER AND
DISMEMBER-
MENT CASE?



...EVEN
IF A DEAD
STORE-
BOUGHT ONE,
ALL ALONE
IN THE CLASS-
ROOM AFTER
SCHOOL!

IMAGINE
IT...
THE SIGHT
OF HIM
DISSECTING
THE FISH...



...HANDS
TAKING ON
A FISHY
SMELL...

...BLOOD
SEEPING
FROM THE
FLESH...

I BIT
THE
BONES
WERE
FIRM...



THAT IS THIS
BOY'S TRUE
CHARACTER!

AND
THEN HE
TRIED TO
DECEIVE
THE
CLASS
...

...
BOLDLY
CLAIMING
"I DIDN'T
DO IT"
WITHOUT
HESITATING
AT ALL.

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TENTO
NANAHOSHI

...

...IS AN-
OGRE...

...

MASQUERADING
AS AN INNOCENT!



...
TENTO!

...
IMPORTANT
FACT FROM
ME..

WHY'D
YOU
HIDE
SUCH
AN...



THIS IS
INFORMATION
CONFIDENTIALLY
OBTAINED FROM
A CERTAIN
SOURCE,
BUT...

Defense Witnesses (2), (3)
Pretty Idol Ain Takenashi
and her friend
Kunka Hatakeyama



YUP,
THAT'S
RIGHT.

TH-
THAT'S
...



THAT MORNING
OF THE INCIDENT, WE
WERE SINGING OVER
THE SPEAKERS TO "ARI
DOESN'T
OVERSLEEP
HERSELF."



...I HEAR THE TWO OF
YOU OFTEN PRACTICED
THE CHOREOGRAPHY
FOR NEW SONGS UP
ON THE OVERHEAD
PASSAGE IN THE
MORNING



...AND
ENDED
UP RUNNING
INTO THE
TWO OF YOU
DESCENDING
FROM THE
OVERHEAD
PASSAGE
AND EXITING
THE SCHOOL
BUILDING.



THAT
APPEARS
SO...
...FOR
THAT
MORNING,
TENTO,
AFTER
OPENING
THE ANIMAL
SHED'S
DOOR,
CHARGED
AFTER A
BURNING
BARRIT...









ATTN,
FORGIVE ME,
YOUR HONOR!

IT'S BEEN MY
ONLY WAY TO
GET YOUR
ATTENTION...

NOW, NOW,
ATTORNEY
SARUTOBI,
MIGHTN'T
BE TARDY!

ABAAH...



SARU-
TOBI...

...
...
...



SO IT
WAS AS I'D
SUSPECTED!

THANKS,
SARUTOBI!



...JUST
AS YOU
SAID.

HEY, I
FOUND
YOU-
KNOW-
WHAT...



SARUTOBI,
PLEASE GO TO
THE COURT!

COULD YOU GO
LOOK FOR
SOME-THING
FOR ME?

...IF YOU
LOOK
AROUND
THE
[REDACTED]
YOU'LL
END THE
[REDACTED]

IF MY
THEORY'S
RIGHT...



...MY
HEART
BUTTERFLY...

...AS
MOON...
...SUNSHINE...
...THE MOON...

...THE
...SUNSHINE...

WE'RE GOING
PROVE OUR
INNOCENCE
AND GET
OUTTA HERE
TOGETHER!

DON'T
LOOK,
KUTWA
!!!

...SO DOES
MONKEY AND
PHEASANT ARE
DECIDED!

HEY
HEY...

THIS
FACE
...

...MY
...MY
...MY



Just as Kiyone was reaching the edge of oblivion...

THIS FACE IS...!

...without a glance at her agitation...

...had set his trap.

Abaku Inugami ...

WHAP



...of Red Ogre in this classroom!!

Red Ogre

Red Ogre

Red Ogre

Red Ogre



Abaku Inugami would later state that
 "the identity of the perp in this case
 was the saddest one yet"

Out along here 

Homework from Abaku Inugami

◁G> Please fill in the following blanks.

Abaku's line on page 138, panel 5,
 "If my theory's right, if you look
 around the **A** you'll find the **B**!"

◁A>

A

B

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